



## **Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea**

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### **Wendy Currier Demonstrates Pen and Ink Drawings on Recycled Materials at Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea**

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**BEREA, Ky.** – On Saturday, June 7, Wendy Currier, of Lexington, will demonstrate how she creates pen and ink drawings on recycled materials. Her demonstration will be from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea.

Originally from New York City and Staten Island, Currier moved to Kentucky in 1979. She has a degree in art from the University of Georgia, where she was encouraged during a drawing class to retain her own style of drawing.

Currier says that she was influenced in art by her grandfather, who often created woodcarvings during time off from work during the Depression. Currier herself has been creating art since her elementary school days. She makes drawings and renderings as well as commissions using her main drawing tool - a Radiograph pen.

Now retired from teaching, Currier started a graphic design business creating pen and ink cards and illustrations. Her works show her flair for dramatic contrast and great detail and she combines intricate patterns with original illustrations.

"I adored building blocks as a child and young adult, so I decided to combine my pen and ink with these blocks." Currier continues, "I couldn't draw directly on the block surfaces because the ink didn't adhere. So I attached recycled paper from old books to the block surfaces and drew on the paper with pen and ink."

Currier will be demonstrating this technique June 7. Works by Currier are regularly available at the center, located just off Interstate 75 at Berea, Exit 77. The center's exhibits, shopping and travel information areas are open daily, year-round, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., with the cafe open from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission is free.

The center currently features works by more than 700 artisans from more than 100 counties across the Commonwealth. A gallery exhibit, "Repurposed & Recycled: Works by Kentucky Artisans," is on display through Sept. 6; and in the lobby, "Kentucky Bourbon: Distillation and Inspiration," is on display through July 6. For information about the center's events call 859-985-5448, visit us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/kentucky.artisan.center](http://www.facebook.com/kentucky.artisan.center), or go to the center's website at [www.kentuckyartisancenter.ky.gov](http://www.kentuckyartisancenter.ky.gov).

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**Photos, left to right:** “Tea Time in the Garden” recycled materials and pen and ink sculpture by Wendy Currier;  
detail of “Tea Time in the Garden” by Wendy Currier